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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Nina Lynette Gilbert; and

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WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert was born on October 8, 1986 in Blue
5 Island to Leonard K. Gilbert III and Sharon Gilbert; and

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WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert started her academic career in 1989
7 at the Chesterfield Tom Thumb Daycare Center; she later went on
8 to attend St. Joachim Catholic School, where she again
9 demonstrated the gifts God gave her; she then attended St.
10 Dorothy Catholic School after Joachim Catholic School closed
11 down; and

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WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert finished her elementary education at
13 St. John de la Salle Academy; Ms. Gilbert was the first
14 elementary school student to win the prestigious Quentis Benard
15 Garth Award in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert attended the Gwendolyn Brooks
17 College Preparatory School (formerly the South Side College
18 Preparatory School); Ms. Gilbert was honored to call the
19 school's principal, the late Dr. Pamela Dyson, her friend and
20 mentor; and

1 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert began working with the Leo Burnett
2 Advertising Company in downtown Chicago after finishing her
3 sophomore year of high school; and

4 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert attended the Florida Agriculture &
5 Mechanics University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida; while
6 attending FAMU, Ms. Gilbert served as the Vice President of the
7 FAMU Chicago Club; she was also a volunteer for the Student
8 Government Association and a member of the FAMU Bowling Team;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her
11 personal savior in May of 1995 and was baptized on July 2, 1995
12 at the Trinity United Church of Christ under the pastoral
13 leadership of Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert made her transition to eternal life
15 on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at the mere age of 21; and

16 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert was preceded in death by her sister,
17 Danielle, and her maternal grandparents, James and Mary
18 Montgomery; and

19 WHEREAS, Nina Gilbert leaves to cherish her memories her
20 loving parents, Leonard III and Sharon Gilbert; her brother,
21 Leonard IV; her grandparents, Lenard and Lillian Gilbert; her

1 aunt, Gail Portis; her uncles, Paul (Yolanda) Montgomery,
2 William Gilbert, Leslie Grant, Nathaniel Grant, Darren
3 Gilbert, and Carlton Gilbert; her cousins, Anthony (Tomica)
4 Portis and DuWayne Sr.(Verona); her "Special Portis Boys",
5 Tyler, Tariq, and DuWayne Jr.; and an abundance of relatives,
6 church family members, and friends; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 her family and friends, the passing of Nina Lynette Gilbert;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Nina Lynette Gilbert as an
13 expression of our sympathy.